

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

Applicants:	Boyle, et al.	Docket No.:	40655.1000
Serial No.:	09/827,031	Examiner:	Timothy M. Harbeck
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action dated December 12, 2006, of which this Reply is filed within the shortened three month statutory period for reply, please consider the below amendments and arguments for the above-identified application:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.